REMARKS

Claims 7-15 are pending in this case. By the present Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-6 have been cancelled and claims 7-15 have been added.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

The entry of this amendment and the allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES IN THE CLAIMS

--7. (New) A protection layer for a data recording medium, the protection layer comprising:

a basic material; and

a compound having a thermal conductivity greater than or equal to 10 W/m.deg when in a bulk state, said compound comprising zinc oxide in a molar ratio with the basic material of 3% to 50% zinc oxide.

8. (New) A protection layer for a data recording medium, the protection layer comprising:

a basic material; and

a compound having a thermal conductivity greater than or equal to 10 W/m.deg when in a bulk state, said compound comprising titanium oxide in a molar ratio with the basic material of 10% to 98% titanium oxide.

9. (New) A protection layer for a data recording medium, the protection layer comprising:

a basic material; and

a compound having a thermal conductivity greater than or equal to 10 W/m.deg when in a bulk state, said compound comprising magnesium oxide in a molar ratio with the basic material of 3% to 45% magnesium oxide.

10. (New) A protection layer for a data recording medium, the protection layer comprising:

a basic material; and

a compound having a thermal conductivity greater than or equal to 10 W/m.deg when in a bulk state, said compound comprising yttrium oxide in a molar ratio with the basic material of 10% to 80% yttrium oxide.

11. (New) A protection layer for a data recording medium, the protection layer comprising:

a basic material; and

a compound having a thermal conductivity greater than or equal to 10 W/m.deg when in a bulk state, said compound comprising gallium nitride in a molar ratio with the basic material of 1% to 30% gallium nitride.

12. (New) A protection layer for a data recording medium, the protection layer comprising:

a basic material; and

a compound having a thermal conductivity greater than or equal to 10 W/m.deg when in a bulk state, said compound comprising silicon nitride in a molar ratio with the basic material of 10% to 85% silicon nitride.

13. (New) A protection layer for a data recording medium, the protection layer comprising:

a basic material; and

a compound having a thermal conductivity greater than or equal to 10 W/m.deg when in a bulk state, said compound comprising aluminum nitride in a molar ratio with the basic material of 1% to 50% aluminum nitride.

14. (New) A protection layer for a data recording medium, the protection layer comprising:

a basic material; and

a compound having a thermal conductivity greater than or equal to 10 W/m.deg when in a bulk state, said compound comprising a silicon carbide in a molar ratio with the basic material of 5% to 50% silicon carbide.

15. (New) A protection layer for a data recording medium, the protection layer comprising:

a basic material; and

a compound having a thermal conductivity greater than or equal to 10 W/m.deg when in a bulk state, said compound comprising a titanium carbide in a molar ratio with the basic material of 10% to 85% titanium carbide.--